

Rescue and Welfare Trust of the BTCA



Mission Statement of the Rescue and Welfare Trust of the Bull Terrier Club of America:

To coordinate with local rescue associations' efforts to locate, obtain, house, evaluate and re-home any abused or abandoned Bull Terrier. *To contribute to the financial support of homeless, abused or abandoned Bull Terriers, including medical and dental care, temperament and health evaluations, grooming,

food and shelter requirements. *Promote educational opportunities regarding the breeding, care and keeping of Bull Terriers for the members of the BTCA and the general public. *Encourage and support health research projects conducted by reputable scientific researchers and their supporting institutions.*

"The Rescue and Welfare Trust is a 501c3 charity and all donations are greatly appreciated and tax-deductible. Thank you!"

Just as the website is dedicated, so is this newsletter – with heartfelt gratitude to all Bull Terriers; and for what they teach each of us gracefully about living and love.



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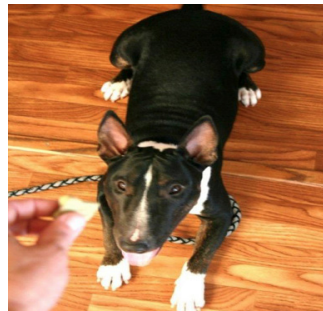
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Wow! It's already time for the second issue of our Newsletter. I would like to express a sincere *Thank You!* to my co-editor Debbi Kovash, without her input and expertise, this publication truly would not happen. *Bravo!*

As we proceed with this endeavor, we realize more and more, just how many unsung heroes we have within our rescue system – to you all – *our hats are off to you!* “Thank You!” just does not seem to be enough. Graciously, you do what you do, quietly and without fanfare. I apologize that we, the BT community, do not say often enough, that your efforts are noticed and *greatly* appreciated. Remember folks – the more hands pitching in, the lighter the task. Please keep in mind all the Bullies looking for their forever homes and all the do-bees manning the trenches. Do what you can, whether it's big or small and together – we can make a difference! To quote Mother Teresa, “Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”

Updates from our last issue: Cinder, Sugar and Chumlee were adopted. *Yippee!* Foster – dad, Donnie Gilpin, reports Chumlee's forever home is “truly a match made in Heaven!” Please continue to keep *Bart* and *Zaney* in mind, that loving families can be found, and they too may be added to the list of successful adoptees.



Bart



Zaney

Facebook continues to gain popularity, and many of our regional groups post real time pictures and stories of rescues. Please check them out. Also, there is a separate rescue contact list, by state, at the end of the newsletter. Print/tear it off for quick reference, or give to an interested party.

Again, any questions, concerns or ideas are welcome. Till next time, hug your Bullies tight and let them know how very special they are! —CHRISTINE

In Dogs I Trust

Miniature Bull Terriers fill our lives with joy. They bounce and bark (but not too much) and prance and cuddle. They serve as our exercise machines, our faithful watchdogs, and our exuberant greeters. And at times they break our hearts as we care for them through death.

But what happens when we die and leave them behind? There are, as unbelievable as it seems, nice people, even our own relatives, who do not consider dogs a blessing. Miniature Bull Terriers are not dogs for everyone. And as any dog ages, the expenses of caring for it increases.



Leona Helmsley died in 2007 leaving \$12 million in trust for her Maltese, named Trouble. After a year in court, a judge reduced the trust established for Trouble to a mere \$2 million. While many legal commentators labeled this a loss, it actually illustrates a wonderful new tool available to care for our dogs at our death: As with Trouble, funds for a dog can be set aside in a trust and required by law to be used for his benefit.

A trust is a legal vehicle that places money from the grantor (here, Helmsley) into the hands of one party, the trustee, for the purpose of benefiting another party, the beneficiary.

The entire concept of a trust is to benefit parties unable to protect themselves by leaving ownership of property to another. At the same time that other – the trustee-is given a very high duty in the law, to use all of the assets for the benefit of the protected party.

Trust law, since the Middle Ages, had held that to be legally enforceable, the beneficiary of a trust must be a person or a charity. That has begun to change. Now in some 40 states, a trust to benefit a dog is valid. While there is no substitute for finding a loving second home, a trust divides the duties of caring for the dog from the duties of providing financially for the dog. The assets realistically needed are far less than \$2 million.

There are people in the world who cannot imagine allowing something that sheds and barks into their life. Then there are people who own dogs. Then there are *dog people*.

Readers of this column fall into that last category. Dogs share our lives, making our lives richer and making us more connected to the universe. They communicate with us, protect us, lead us, bond with us; our partnership through the centuries is a miracle.

I have sat in training sessions for financial planners and heard the speaker and the spoken-to snicker over the idea of planning to protect dogs at death. Of course we want to protect that which has been so important to us in life. So if you are dealing with these professionals and they say, “You can’t leave money to a dog,” ask them if your state has acted on the Uniform Probate Code’s section S 2-907, which allows for a pet trust. — JANIS STAMM, MC KEAN, PA*

Thank you! Janis for your heartfelt and wise words.

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There is also a wonderful article along these same lines in the April, 2012 *Whole Dog Journal*. whole-dog-journal.com Because only 1 out of 5 of us has an up-to-date will and only 20% of those wills include provisions for pets, an estimated 500,000 pets are euthanized every year when their owners die and no provision has been made for them. Are your Bullies at risk? I must admit to being guilty of non-planning. The article in *Whole Dog Journal* lists additional reading resources, free information on estate planning basics and pet trust info, and actual attorney listings. Let’s begin planning to ensure continued responsible stewardship for our pets.



K-9 Kitchen

Kathy Santos’ Sardine Yummies

- 3 whole raw eggs – shells and all
- 1 can of sardines packed in olive oil
- 1 inside sleeve of graham crackers (organic grahams, or 1½ cup of gluten-free flour can be substituted)

1. Place all ingredients into a blender and blend until completely combined. Pour mixture onto a greased, parchment lined cookie sheet and spread out.
2. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, the cookies will look rubbery and light brown. Cool, cut and refrigerate.



I Rescued a Human Today

By Janine Allen, Trainer, Rescue Me Dog

I rescued a human today.

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn’t be afraid. As she stopped at my kennel I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn’t want her to know that I hadn’t been walked today. Sometimes the over-worked shelter keepers get too busy and I didn’t want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card I hoped that she wouldn’t feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone’s life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well.

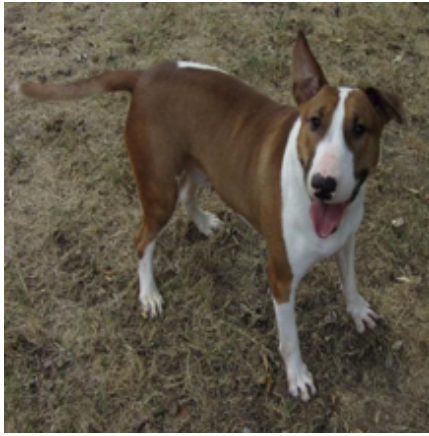
Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven’t walked the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today.

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Zack is Looking for someone to play with! -- Zack is a handsome red and white young Bully looking for his new family. He is 2.5 years old and ready to Play, Play, and Play! He is an expert hucklebutter too, loves grass and to play fetch. Zack requires a fenced yard. He is friendly with non-dominant dogs of his own size (medium). Please consider giving Zake, his forever home. Contact Glenna glntom@aol.com



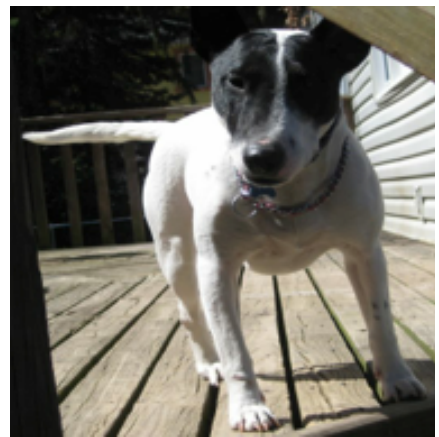
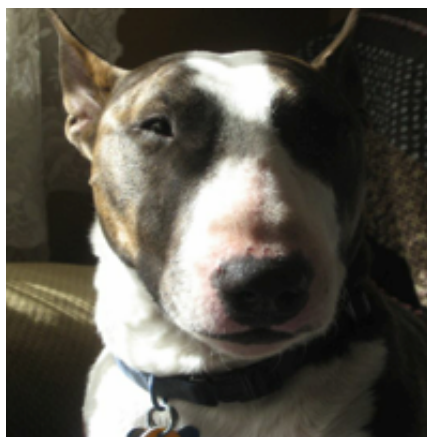
Everybody needs a **Buddy!** – Buddy is a mature and laid-back kinda guy. Buddy would be fine for apartment or condo living as he does not have high energy needs. He is happy to go on walks and return to hang with his family on the couch. No better snuggle buddy than a bully named Buddy! No cats or hamsters for this guy. Please consider Buddy as your new best Bud! Contact Glenna glntom@aol.com



Maggie – She was found in an empty house, in a locked bathroom without food or water. When she was in the shelter she played with a pit bull, but has not been socialized with other dogs since. She is 4 or 5 years old, about 50 pounds and loves children. She knows basic commands, is leash, crate, and housetrained. She loves to cuddle and kiss and would love to be someone’s best girl. Please contact Steve or Shelley at adobebullterriers@netzero.com or Heidi Clayton at jpony543@comcast.net for more information.



Take Time for **Tammy!** - A real beauty. A fawn smut of middle age, and an ever-ready bunny of energy. She does not enjoy the company of other animals and must go to a home as an only pet, with a fenced yard for exercise. She will be fine with children over 8 years–as she may be too rambunctious for younger children. Tammy wants and needs a forever family as she is ready to kiss, snuggle and love a new family who will love her in return. Contact Glenna glntom@aol.com



Happy Endings Begin Here – Featured Bullies: **Miley and Cyrus**
 This has been an ever unfolding saga. Cyrus (above left) a 3 year old, 45 lb. brindle male, and Miley (above right) a 4 year old female Bully and Fox Terrier mix, came into the rescue system in late February. They were surrendered to a NY shelter, by their owner, who “just didn’t want them anymore”. A recurring theme heard by most rescue organizations. (Oh for the day that humans stop viewing their brothers as disposable!) The duo have been fostered by Bernie Steins in NJ, and at first seemed very devoted to each other; they were eventually adopted, but returned to rescue when the former soul-mates filed for divorce. At this time, both are back in rescue and seeking “only child” status. Both have consistently been referred to by all caretakers as “affectionate, sweet, and well-behaved”. They both love to “kiss, cuddle and snuggle” with their humans. How great is that for our high blood pressure! Both exhibit strong prey drives, so no furry housemates are recommended. Miley lost one leg due to a car accident; but, motors around just fine. Please help us find these guys a new family each. Special Thanks to Bernie Stein for his extraordinary dedication and diligence with these two. Contact Bernie at Bernie1493@aol.com.



Now Time for Some Happy Tails!!!!

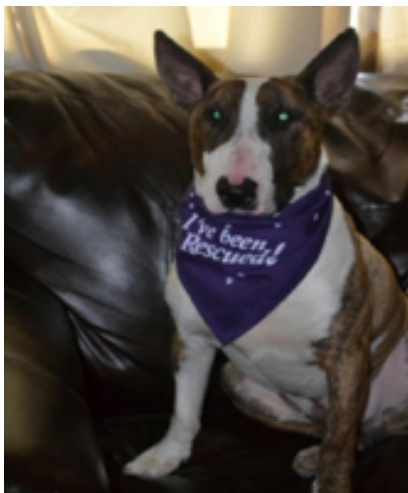


A Happy Tail! Winslow Many folks avidly followed Winslow's story on Facebook this past spring. The Mile High Bull Terrier Club took in this stray at the end of February. Here is picture of Winslow at 28 pounds when he was first taken in.



Winslow had been left to wander and fend for himself by his owner, a vet tech. She had taken him to another city in an effort to be undetected. Thankfully, this fellow found his way to Barb Deevers and the MHBTC. Barb renamed him Winslow – “He WILL win, but it may be slow!” What impacted me was Barb's story from his first day with her. Winslow was so hungry; he was scavenging bird seed remnants in Barb's grass. Believing hearts, excellent care, a healthy dose of love and look at the photo of Winslow on the day in April he was adopted topping the scales at 53 pounds.

Isn't Winslow a sight to behold!



Scrappy joined the Texas Gulf Coast Bull Terrier Rescue Program as an owner-surrender at just eight months old. He was purchased at six weeks from a 'breeder', but when the owner discovered problems with one of Scrappy's front legs, his 'breeder' had disappeared. Scrappy's front paw grew twisted and the owner was “embarrassed” by the deformity, so the dog was kept crated for the majority of the time. By the time the owner contacted rescue, he had been trying to offload the dog via Craigslist; the rescue group was concerned that the young pup might end up in the wrong hands. TGCBT rescue knew there was likely to be a considerable vet bill involved in restoring Scrappy's “normalcy”; but with the go ahead of the RWTFBTCA, they were able to commit to giving this sweet pup a chance at a healthy life.

Fun-loving Scrappy hosted his own fund-raiser at Animal Tales where he received enough donations to pay for his initial sedated x-rays at the orthopedic vet. The vet felt confident that surgery could correct Scrappy's foot and wanted to see him back in 6-8 weeks. Scrappy went into foster care, where he enjoyed plenty of exercise, fresh air, playtime with the other dogs and good high quality food. From that moment on, steady improvement in his mobility and strength was evident. All involved were absolutely thrilled when the orthopedic vet canceled the surgery proclaiming that Scrappy's body was healing itself as he grew and surgery would not be needed!

Scrappy now shares a wonderful new home with a mini bully and looks forward to his daily swims in the pool which help maintain his healthy growth. The TGCBT (local) rescue is truly thankful for the support of Glenna Wright and the BT parent-club Trust that enabled them to step up and give this guy a happy and safe future.

Thanks to the volunteer photographers, especially Ong Photography for permission to reprint Scrappy's *awesome* 'after' photograph!

